REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims:

Claims 1-3 and 5-28 are currently pending.

By this Amendment, claims 1, 7, 9, 11, 12, 14-16, 19, 20, 22, 24 and 26 have been amended. No new matter has been introduced by this Amendment.

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-3 and 5-28 would still be pending.

II. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103:

Claims 1-3, 6-9, 11-12, 14-16, 18-20, 22, 24, 26 and 28 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Amin et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,411,807), in view of Mori et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,128,485). Claims 5, 10, 13, 17, 21, 23, 25 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Amin et al. in view of Mori et al. and further in view of Boltz (U.S. Patent No. 6,311,055).

Claims 1, 9, 12, 15, 16, 19, 20, 22, 24 and 26, as amended, are generally directed to an arrangement in which a communication apparatus is restricted from transmitting a signal based on a base station signal transmitted from a base station in a registration mode.

In contrast, Amin simply describes a roaming restriction system whereby the network allows or does not allow call completion based on a profile of the subscriber of the mobile device. In Amin, a denial of registration message is returned to a VRL (e.g., Col. 6, line 67 to Col. 7, line 1) when a registration procedure is initiated (e.g., "201" of Fig. 2). Amin does not disclose or suggest that a communication apparatus is restricted from transmitting a signal based on a base station signal transmitted from a base station in a registration mode.

Mori also does not remedy these deficiencies in the Amin teachings. For example, as with Amin, Mori shows a network prohibiting calls, such as an incoming call, to a

personal station. Mori also does not disclose or suggest that a communication apparatus is restricted from transmitting a signal based on a base station signal transmitted from a base station in a registration mode.

Accordingly, claims 1, 9, 12, 15, 16, 19, 20, 22, 24 and 26 and their dependent claims are patentably distinguishable over the cited references, individually or in combination.

Furthermore, the dependent claims further distinguish over the cited references. For example, claim 2 recites that the signal is used to produce an outgoing call The cited references, individually or in combination, do not disclose or suggest that a communication apparatus is restricted from transmitting such a signal used to produce an outgoing call based on a base station signal.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims and allowance of this application.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4739.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. <u>13-4500</u>, Order No. <u>1232-4739</u>.

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